



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

Meeting Date:

August 21, 2015

Meeting Location:

Department of Child Services
Tippecanoe County Office
250 Main St., Ste 301
Lafayette, IN

Council Members Present: Angela Smith Grossman, Regional Manager; Stacey Morgan, Clinton County FCM Supervisor; Jennifer Johnson, Director Carroll County DCS; Iona LaBaw, Foster Care Specialist Supervisor; and Laura Zimmerman, Director Benton County DCS. Paige Heath, Tippecanoe County FCM Supervisor; Courtney Taylor, Warren County FCM; Karen Hayden, Director White County DCS, Connie Schneck, CASA for Judge Graham

Council Members Absent: Judge Rader, Warren County; Debbie Brenneman, Foster Parent; and Judge Henderson, Fountain County; Coleen Connor, CASA Director

Others In Attendance: Sandy Lock, Director Clinton County DCS; Rhonda Friend, Director Fountain/Warren County DCS; Cassie Wade, Bauer Family Resources; Hong-Phuc Nguyen; Vivian Lueck, Child & Family Partners; Angie Guimond, Tippecanoe County DCS Director; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad Child and Family Services

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:00 am

1. Community Partners

Bauer –

- Focus on outreach in all counties but targeted to the newer contract counties, Fountain/Warren, White and Clinton.
- Bauer is in the process of establishing MOUs for counseling partners they use in the course of assistance to families (therapists have to meet the same service standards as traditional service standards)
- Meeting and exceeding the outcome requirements for Community Partners. Reports attached
- Hiring 3 additional staff to serve the region
- The group requested referral information for ongoing services.

2. What have we done with Prevention Spending

In the past we have funded concrete items such as safety items, smoke alarms, cribs, educational materials and also summer camps, educational programming, food trucks. We are currently planning for 2015 prevention spending and are targeting 20% of our entire Community Partners grant

3. Prevention Spending

There will be some differences in how the prevention spending will occur. Bauer will issue a request for proposal and interested bidders will submit their ideas to meet targeted needs. Below are a list of the current targeted needs identified through the use of DCS data, past Community Partners data, census information about children in poverty and Community Partners Needs assessments for each county;

- Food Insecurity
- Safe Sleep
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Childcare
- Domestic violence prevention
- Substance Abuse prevention
- Youth Enrichment
- Summer Supervision and Enrichment
- Workforce Development
- Housing

A request for proposal will be issued to the public in early September and again in January. For partners in our region that have had funding in the past, we will outreach to them to discuss this new process. This new process will promote some new ideas and maybe some flexibility that we have not been able to cultivate in the past as well as provide a framework for our previous partners to use to outline their proposals. The Local Office Directors in tandem with Community Partners staff will be responsible for the notification to interested parties in their communities. In future contract years we will target the RFP for July and January release.

If members have additional target areas for prevention spending feel free to notify the Regional Manager.

4. Biennial Plan Progress –

This plan is due in 2016. The Local Office Directors will be attending the first planning meeting on 9/17/2015 and surveying is started by FCMs with partners and clients. Additional information about the community involvement in the Biennial Plan will be forthcoming after the 17th and shared with the membership.

5. RFP for Services initiating due to some gaps identified

- Region 5 will open service standards pertaining to; supervised visitation, home based case management and home based therapy service standards.
- Additionally there have been some new providers approved for service provision in Region 5 as of 7/1/2015.

Hong Nguyen, the Regional Services Consultant has provided the information below that are new to Region 5

Promising Futures- HM/PA, HBCW, Parent Ed, DV-Victim and Child, Support Groups for Resource Families (All counties)

Help At Home- HM/PA, Supervised Visitation (All Counties)

Centerpoint- right now they don't have any staff available

Integrative Wellness- Counseling, D & E (Lafayette only)

HNS- Counseling and HBT (will be all counties by Monday)

6. Practice Indicators

- There is a steady increase in the caseload for Region 5 which is part of the service capacity challenge
- Reports disseminated but also available via the Internet

7. Good of the Order

8. 2016 Dates

- January 29, 2016
- April 29, 2016
- July 29, 2016
- October 28, 2016
- All to be held at the Tippecanoe County Department of Child Services at 9:00am. If you need to make arrangements to phone in, please let Kim Doyle, the Regional Manager's Administrative Secretary know and she will make arrangements

Meeting adjourned at 9:35am

Next meeting is November 20, 2015

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Smith Grossman, MSW, LSW
Regional Manager, Region 5